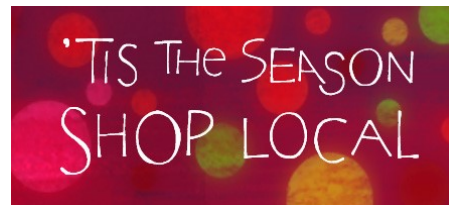


Ava Area CHAMBER of COMMERCE



December 2020



NO Chamber Board Meeting in Dec.

12/8 Chamber Luncheon 12PM (pg. 5)

12/12 Christmas Parade

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Chamber Board Meetings

are held on the second Monday of each month. To be a guest or add an item to the agenda, contact the Chamber office.

Chamber Luncheons

are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 12:00 and are complimentary to members. Contact the office for information on hosting a Luncheon.

Economic Development

Meetings held on the first Monday of each month at 5:30.

Contact Us

810 Collins Avenue
PO Box 1103 Ava, MO 65608
417-683-4594
director@avachamber.org

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Free Parade Day Radio Advertising

Chamber Member Exclusive!

Ava's local radio station KKOZ is offering to advertise your business, free of charge, during the parade! What a great opportunity!

KKOZ Radio's Joe Corum, our Parade Emcee, will announce your business's parade day special, general info on your business or organization, and/or your holiday greeting to everyone watching the parade on the Ava square and live over the KKOZ airways!

To take advantage of this great opportunity, just email your short (5-line max) advertisement to director@avachamber.org by December 7th.

If you had an advertisement last year, we can use it if you like. Just another benefit of your chamber membership! Thank you, KKOZ Radio!

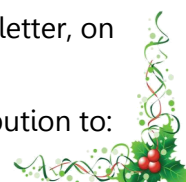
Christmas Parade Sponsors

Thank You

For many years now, the generosity of Ava Chamber Members has helped to make the Christmas parade a success! These donations to the Christmas Parade fund, which offsets the cost of advertising and provides prize money and trophies for floats and other entries, makes it possible to continue this long-standing holiday tradition. And, for that, the Chamber says, "Thank You".

Several donations have already been received, with the hopes of more to come! We'll be naming our generous sponsors in our January Newsletter, on Facebook, and in the Douglas County Herald.

If you would like to be a Parade Sponsor, you may mail your contribution to:
Ava Chamber of Commerce P.O. Box 1103, Ava, MO 65608

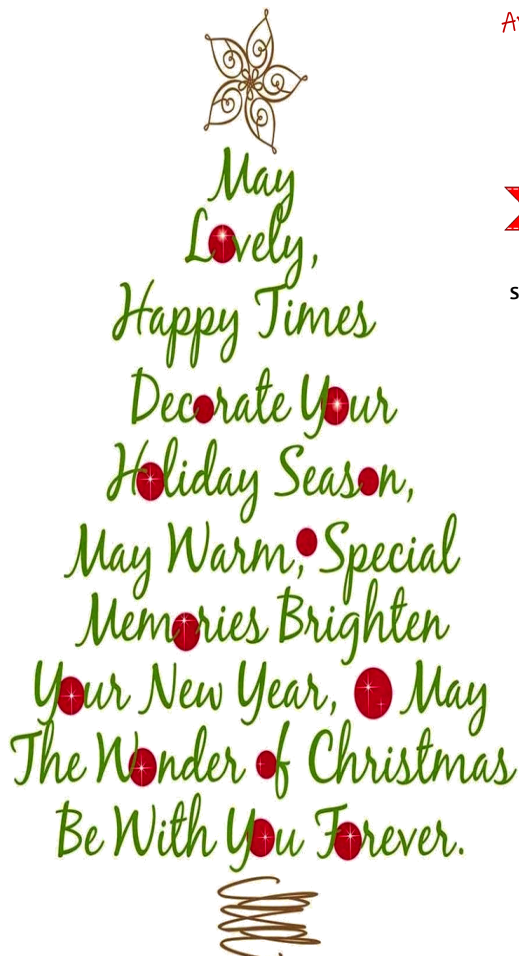


Ozarks Family Vision Centre Welcomes New Doctor to Ava Office!



Dr. Bradford is a South-west Missouri native and has been a member of the Ozarks Family Vision Centre team since 2011. She worked as an optician and technician after graduating from Spokane High School while pursuing her

Bachelor's degree at Drury University. She then moved to Bloomington, Indiana, where she completed her Doctorate of Optometry at Indiana University School of Optometry. After finishing her education in 2020, she moved back to the Ozarks and began practicing at Ozarks Family Vision Centre. In her free time, Dr. Bradford enjoys spending time with her family and friends, reading, and traveling. To make an appointment, call the Ava office at 683-3612.



Ava Area Chamber of Commerce



Serving Ava/Douglas County Since 1935

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
from the Ava Area Chamber of Commerce
Staff & Board of Directors.

In observance of the holidays,
the Chamber office will be closed
December 24th, 25th, & 31st and January 1st.



Chamber Member Spotlight



Blessed Reflections is here to capture your beloved memories creating images that will be a keepsake to cherish for years to come. Let's go capture some memories!



Dawn Davison
Owner/Photographer

Visit Blessed Reflections on
Facebook or on their website at
www.blessedreflections.photography

417-414-0442

Member News and Happenings...



Rockbridge Holiday Events

Storytime with Santa Friday,
December 4th from 5:00-7:00 pm.

Reservations are required. Limited spaces available. Children will enjoy a story, cookies with cocoa or milk, a visit with Santa, and cookie decorating.

A photographer will capture this special memory, and a picture will be emailed at a later date. \$10 per child.

Breakfast with Santa Saturday, December 5th from 8:00-11:00 am. Reservations are required. Limited spaces available. Children will have pancakes and cocoa with Santa, and enjoy fun holiday crafts and cookie decorating. A photographer will capture this special memory, and a picture will be emailed at a later date. \$12 per child. To make reservations for these events call 417.679.3619.

Ava/Cassville/Willow Springs Ranger District Mark Twain National Forest

Fire/Fuels: Fire season is here! We have responded to several wildfires this month with several detailers from out of state assisting us. We are actively prepping prescribed burns and implementing when the weather is appropriate, with that, we are continuing to work on Fire readiness and training. We have implemented 1,000 acres of prescribed fire this fall. We are also working on filling one of Engine 631 vacancies and continue to work and coordinate with our partners as we implement prescribed fire and respond to wildfires.

Recreation: The ACW RD is excited to announce starting in the 2021 recreation season at the North Fork Recreation Area, the new watercraft launch area will be open for users. The original area where watercraft (canoes/kayaks/boats) previously launched will be used for waterplay only. The purpose for this project was to improve user safety and to accomplish that purpose, the waterplay and watercraft areas were separated.

On December 1, 2020, the North Fork Recreation Area will be closed for the season. The gate will be

locked at CC Highway. The Day Use portion of the area will open March 1, 2021 and the camping will open up May 1, 2021. The District may be looking for a volunteer host for the North Fork campground in the 2021 season, if you are interested, please contact Darla Rein at darla.rein@usda.gov or 417-683-4428, ext. 133.

Administration- In honor of the Christmas Day holiday, the Ava and Cassville District Offices will be closed December 25 and January 1. We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

Please feel free to call the Ava District Office at 417-683-4428 anytime.

The Ava Art Guild will hold its last meeting & workshop for the season on December 12th. There will be refreshments and a Holiday Open House. They also invite you to come and make some holiday cards. All supplies are furnished by the Art Guild. There is no charge. Refreshments and card making will be from 12pm to 3pm., so come by when it is best for you. Bring a finger food item to share, but if not, you are still welcome. After December 12, the Art Guild will close until March 2021. There are unique homemade one-of-a-kind items for sale to give as gifts. Come on out and support our local area artists. For more information avaartguild.org, avaartguild@yahoo.com or follow us on Facebook. There is a limit of 15 people due to Covid-19. A mask is also required to attend. To hold your space(s) at the workshop please call Caryl at 417-893-9638 or email avaartguild@yahoo.com.



The Ava Senior Center is now serving lunch on Wednesdays from 11:30AM to 12:30PM. Cost is \$4 for seniors and \$6 for 59 and younger. They also have the new Pickn & Singn on Mondays from 2 to 4. Come join in the fun! For more activities at the Ava Senior Center visit their Facebook page or call 417-683-5712.

LaTour Advisory Group wants to remind you that Medicare Annual enrollment period is October 15th - Dec 7th. For guidance or more information call 417-683-9553.

2020 Christmas Parade - Saturday, December 12th at 1:00 PM



Decorate Floats with the
"Winter Wonderland" theme for chance to Win a Cash Prize!
Anyone can participate! Check out the categories below!



- Entry forms must be received by **December 7th, at 5PM** to be eligible for any cash prizes or awards.
- All entries will be judged according to this year's theme. **All floats and non floats will be judged in line up at 12PM sharp**, so please be set-up and ready before then.
- **All parade participants** will enter off of N 5 HWY on Industrial Road. Anyone caught entering on any other road will be disqualified from the parade. Thank you for your attention to safety.
- There will be a marked designated area to drop off participants for floats, etc. A representative for each float will need to be in charge of making sure that kids make it from the drop off point to the designated float. There will be **NO DRIVING TO FLOATS TO DROP OFF FLOAT RIDERS**. Safety is **TOP** priority. Anyone that enters the parade driving anything motorized **MUST** have a valid driver's license.
- If mailing or faxing your form, please call to make sure we have received it. Thank you for your entry!

2020 CHRISTMAS PARADE ENTRY FORM

Name of Club/Organization/Business: _____

Contact person: _____ Contact Phone: _____

Cell number (if available) during parade: _____

Mailing address _____

Total length of the float, and the vehicle pulling the float _____

Will you be handing out anything (candy, literature, etc) during parade? YES NO

Entry Type: (Circle one) FLOAT * HORSE * GOLF CART/ 4-WHEELER * BICYCLE * BAND *

COSTUMED PET (on leash) * WALKING # in group _____ CAR/TRUCK/TRACTOR - Make/Year _____

OTHER _____

I, as the representative of the above named business, group, or organization, understand that participation is at our own risk and hereby release the Ava Area Chamber of Commerce, its Board of Directors and staff, and the City of Ava from any and all liabilities or damages that may occur while participating in the above mentioned event.

Signed _____ Date _____

For more information, contact: Ava Area Chamber of Commerce, at (417) 683-4594

Please return this form, or a form from the Chamber office, by December 7th at 5PM to:

PO Box 1103 Ava MO 65608, or fax it to 417-683-9464, or bring it by our office at 810 Collins Avenue.

Chamber Sponsored Holiday Events

The Ava Christmas Parade will begin at 1:00pm on Saturday, December 12th. Decorate floats with this year's parade theme, "Winter Wonderland" and win big cash prizes! Trophies given in other categories. There are many ways to participate in your hometown parade! Anyone is welcome to join in the parade! Deadline to enter is December 7th, 5pm.

Storefront Holiday Decorating Contest:

Participate in spreading the spirit of Christmas throughout Ava by decorating your storefront for the holiday season. Judging begins at 6pm the night of the parade. Winners will receive free full-color ads in the next Ava Community Guide (\$75-\$200 value). Just call the Chamber office at 683-4594 to let us know you want to participate.

Chamber Luncheon

December 8th at 12:00

Hosted by: 2BHealthy & Evergreen
Handyman Service

Location: Lions Club Building



Upcoming Luncheons

January 12th – Travis Smith

February 9th - First Southern
Baptist Church

March 9th –Ava R-1 Schools

April 13th – Christos House

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| Gift Certificates! | | Specialty Gifts! | | Practical Gifts! |
| Hair - Nails - Massage - Facials | | Antiques - Jewelry - Clothing | | Furniture - Appliances - Tools |
| Auto Maintenance/Detailing | | Accessories - Home Décor | | Home Improvement/Maintenance |
| Movie Tickets - Restaurants | | Floral - Collectibles - Artwork | | Kitchen Accessories - Hardware |
| Yoga - Gym - Chiropractic Care | | Personalized Items - Sportswear | | Health & Nutrition - Gas Cards |
| Landscaping - Pet Care - Eyewear | | Cable - Internet - Satellite | | Cell Phones - Electronics - Food |



Google My Business is a FREE marketing tool that allows you to promote your Business Profile and website on Google Search and Maps.

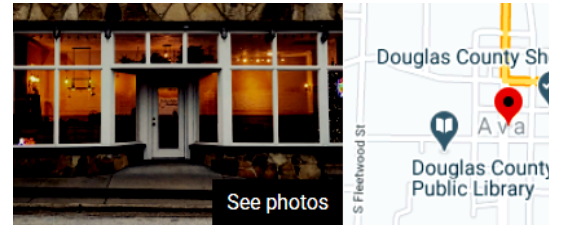
Your free Business Profile on Google helps your business show up when it matters most: the moment customers are searching for your business or products or services like yours on Google Search and Maps.

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More than just a local listing, your free Business Profile lets you manage how your business appears on Google Search and Maps. There is no further obligation or hidden fees.

So, take advantage of this free marketing tool to help potential customers find your business or organization.

Judy Shields, Chamber Director



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| Friday | 7AM-3PM |
| Saturday | 8AM-2PM |
| Sunday | Closed |
| Monday | 7AM-3PM |
| Tuesday | 7AM-3PM |
| Wednesday | 7AM-3PM |

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Phone: (417) 543-5078



Ava Christmas Parade

"Winter Wonderland"

Saturday, December 12
1:00 PM



Enter Now! Many ways to Participate! Deadline Dec. 7th.



Floats Can Win Cash Prizes of \$400, \$200, \$150, & \$100!

Entry Forms available at the Ava Chamber Office and City Hall.

810 Collins Avenue 683-4594 director@avachamber.org

